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(CIA PLOT)

WASHINGTON--ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM BUNDY TODAY BRIEFED HOUSE MEMBERS OF A 1961 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY PLOT IN SINGAPORE AND THE RECENT REPERCUSSIONS IT PRODUCED.

CHAIRMAN CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI SAID HIS FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE RECEIVED A "RATHER FULL REPORT." HE SAID THAT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S POINT OF VIEW, THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT WAS A CLOSED MATTER.

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SUBCOMMITTEE.

THE PLOT CAME TO LIGHT ON AUG. 31 WHEN SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW DISCLOSED THAT A CIA AGENT HAD OFFERED HIM A \$3.5 MILLION BRIBE TO COVER UP AN UNSUCCESSFUL CIA OPERATION IN SINGAPORE IN 1960.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT FIRST DENIED THE CHARGE. BUT WHEN LEE ANGRILY PRODUCED A 1961 LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK APOLOGIZING FOR THE INCIDENT THAT HAD OCCURRED IN THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION IT CORRECTED ITSELF.

ZABLOCKI SAID IT APPEARED THAT THE INITIAL DENIAL WAS THE RESULT OF AN "HONEST MISTAKE" BY LESSER OFFICIALS WHO DID NOT CHECK WITH HIGHER OFFICIALS AWARE OF THE ENTIRE STORY.

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WASHINGTON, (AP)-REP. J. ZABLOCKI, D-WIS., SAID TODAY HE IS "DEEPLY CONCERNED" ABOUT CIA ACTIVITIES, NOT ONLY IN SINGAPORE BUT ALL OVER THE FAR EAST.

ZABLOCKI AND THE HOUSE FAR EASTERN SUBCOMMITTEE HE HEADS GOT A CLOSED BRIEFING ON THE RECENT SINGAPORE AFFAIR FROM WILLIAM P. BUNDY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS. HE SAID THE SUBCOMMITTEE GOT "A RATHER FULL REPORT" FROM BUNDY ABOUT EVENTS IN SINGAPORE IN 1960 AND 1961 "WHEN A CIA AGENT WAS CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF GATHERING INFORMATION AND A LETTER OF APOLOGY WAS SENT" TO THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK.

"IT WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENIED THIS FACT AND THEN HAD TO RETRACT," ZABLOCKI SAID.

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